

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 9, 2021)**  
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**Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner John E. O'Connor  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

**1. WELCOME**

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of March 2, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**2. PROCLAMATION**

A proclamation was presented for National Athletic Training Month.

**3. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT** - Decision -  
Proposed Amendment for a One-year Moratorium on Utility-Scale Solar Projects

I move to approve the proposed amendment to adopt a temporary moratorium on the reviewing and approving of new applications for utility-scale solar projects and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision -**  
Proposed Amendment to change the Critical Area Overlay from Resource Conservation Area (RCA) to intensely Developed Area (IDA) for the Real Food Studio Project

I move to approve the proposed amendment to change the Critical Area Overlay from Resource Conservation Area (RCA) to Intensely Developed Area (IDA) for the Real Food Studio Project, 41566 Medleys Neck Road, Leonardtown MD 20650 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**4. LEGISLATION**

**A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates**

**MOTION #1:** I move to support Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Center's request for support to be appropriated additional funding through a supplemental budget in the amount of \$450,000 to reach level funding from Fiscal Year 2021 and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign a letter of support to Governor Hogan with copies to the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Budget and Management, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and Chairman of the Budget and Taxation Committee.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**MOTION #2:** I move to support with amendment HB 634 – Association Health Plans - and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign letters of support with amendment to the House and Senate Committees for this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**MOTION #3:** I move to oppose HB 1129/SB 873 - Department of Information Technology - State and Local Government Employees and Contractors - Cybersecurity Training and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to the House and Senate Committees for this bill.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**MOTION #4:** I move to support SB 824/HB 1328 - Economic Development - Broadband Providers - Joint Trenching Fee (Building Out Broadband Act of 2021) and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the House and Senate Committees on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

## **5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 16 AND 23, 2021.**

#### **B. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - EMS BILLING VENDOR AGREEMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD MOA**

I move to approve the acceptance of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the (6) six Rescue Squads of St. Mary's County, established for the purpose of authorizing the St. Mary County Government to implement an Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Transport Services Billing System on their behalf; approve the business agreement with the vendor "Quick Medic Claims" who will provide the service for St. Mary's County; approve the medical transport fees; and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents as well the additional rescue squad MOAs as received and approved by County fiscal and legal authority.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

#### **C. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Contract Award Authorization for CY2021 Asphalt Overlay Services Contract**

I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to award the Asphalt Overlay Services Contract for Calendar Year 2021 to Aggregate Industries, in an amount estimated to exceed \$1 million, subject to receipt and acceptance of Contract related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

#### **D. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - CIP Budget Amendments to Realign various CIP Projects**

I move to approve the related Budget Amendments realigning the various CIP Projects decreasing the FIN21 Capital Reserve by \$210,000 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

## **6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events over the past week and provided general comments.

## **7. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:22 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 16, 2021.

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JB  
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

## **8. BUDGET WORK SESSION**

### **A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2022 Budget Work Session for Elected Officials Budget Requests**

**Present:** Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer  
Jody Quasney, Deputy Director of Finance

## **9. ADJOURN**